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1. The manor house at Gotha known as Casino Haus am Seeberg was transferred by the government of Thuringia to the city administration of Gotha on 9 November 1947 and was assigned by the city as a sanatorium for tubercular women and children. At the end of November 1947, however, the Gotha Komendatura ordered the city to evacuate the property by 1 December 1947, no reason for the eviction being given.
2. Since the beginning of December 1947, the property has been used as a school for SED functionaries; it was apparently given by the SVA to the Land Directorate of SED, Thuringia. Eight-day training courses are given in close cooperation with the secretariat of a branch office of the Deutsches Institut für Sozialökonomische Probleme (German Institute for Socio-Economic Problems).
3. This latter service, which is also quartered at the Haus am Seeberg, compiles reports on the political attitude and reactions of the population, using methods similar to those of the Gallup polls, for the SED and the Russians. It has in general among the people of Thuringia the reputation of being a spy service.



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